AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Add the following new heading and paragraph after the title at page 1, before line 5:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national phase application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/003324, filed March 12, 2004, and claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-070297, filed March 14, 2003, the content of both of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph, at page 64, line 7, to page 65, line 15 as follows:

A solution of 2-bromopyridine (342 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (13 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 1.59 M hexane (1.36 ml) of n-butyl lithium at -78℃ under an argon atmosphere, and the mixture was stirred for one hour at the same temperature. Then, a solution of 3-(2,3,4,6-tetra-0-benzyl- β -D-gluglucopyranosyl) benzaldehyde (1.13 g) in tetrahydrofuran (35 ml) was added dropwise to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 hours. Water (40 ml) was added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with ethyl acetate, and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated from the filtrate under reduced pressure to give the residue, and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane-ethyl acetate) to obtain (1S)- 1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-benzyl-1-[3-[hydroxy(pyridine-2-yl)methyl]phenyl] -D-glucitol (0.99 g). Sodium hydride (60%) (202 mg) was added to a solution of (1S)-1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-

benzyl -1-[3-[hydroxy(pyridine-2- yl)methyl]phenyl]-D-glucitol (1.78 g) in tetrahydrofuran (12 ml) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for half an hour. Carbon disulfide (1.15 ml) was added dropwise to the mixture under cooling with ice, and the mixture was stirred for two hours at the same temperature and further two hours at room temperature. Methyl iodide (0.28 ml) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture under cooling with ice, and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 hours at the same temperature. Water was added to the reaction mixture, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated from the filtrate under reduced pressure to give the residue, and the residue was dissolved in toluene (20 ml). Tributyltin hydride (3.28 ml) and ~~azoisobutyronitrile~~ a',a'-azodiisobutyronitrile (82 mg) were added to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for 64 hours under reflux condition. The solvent was evaporated from the filtrate under reduced pressure to give the residue, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane-ethyl acetate) to obtain (1S)-1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-benzyl-1-[3-[(pyridine-2-yl)methyl]phenyl]-D-glucitol (1.51 g).

Please amend the paragraph, at page 66, lines 3-23 as follows:

1,2-Dibromoethane (one drop) was added to a solution of zinc dust (86 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (2.0 ml) in an argon atmosphere, and the solution was refluxed for five minutes. Chloro- trimethylsilane (a drop) was added to the mixture at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes. Then, (1S)-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-acetyl-1,5-anhydro-1-(3-bromomethyl-6-methoxy)phenyl-D-glucitol (700 mg) was added

to the mixture, and the mixture was refluxed for one hour. 2-bromo-1H-indene (128 mg) and ~~tetrakistriphenylphosphine palladium~~ tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (76 mg) were added to the mixture, and the mixture was heat-refluxed for five hours. The temperature of the mixture was cooled to room temperature, and aqueous solution of saturated ammonium chloride was added. The insoluble matter was separated by filtration, and the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with saturated saline solution and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated from the filtrate under reduced pressure to give the residue, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (chloroform-ethyl acetate) to obtain (1S)-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-acetyl-1,5-anhydro-1-[3-[(1H-indene-2-yl)methyl-6-methoxy]phenyl]-D-glucitol (190 mg).

Please amend the paragraph at page 66, line 27, to page 67, line 19, as follows:

Active zinc (131 mg) was suspended in tetrahydrofuran (2 ml). 1,2-dibromoethane (0.07 ml) was added to the suspension, and the suspension was stirred for five minutes at 60℃. Then, trimethylsilyl chloride (0.10 ml) was added to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature. Subsequently, a solution of (1S)-1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-benzyl-[3-(bromomethyl)phenyl]-D-glucitol (694 mg) in tetrahydrofuran (3 ml) was added to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for one hour at 60℃. Then, 2-(methylthio) benzothiazole (181 mg) and ~~tetrakistriphenylphosphine palladium~~ tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (231 mg) were added to the mixture, and the mixture was stirred for 15 hours at 60℃. After the precipitate was separated by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated. The residue

obtained was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and saturated saline solution. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was evaporated therefrom under reduced pressure to give the residue. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane-ethyl acetate) to obtain (1S)-1,5-anhydro-2,3,4,6-tetra-0-benzyl-1-[3-(1,3-benzothiazole-2-ylmethyl)phenyl]-D-glucitol (355 mg).